Public Sector Undertakings (including Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd.)	51
Air Taxi Operators	19
Private Companies	42

In addition Pawan Hans Helicopters Ltd. would receive 2 helicopters during December 1996 and private operators hold permission to import 10 helicopters.

(c) No proposal has been received from any private operator to provide scheduled helicopter service for tourism purpose.

(d) Guidelines have been framed to ensure that facilities and infrastructure exist/are created for operations, maintenance and training of the personnel for helicopter based operators.

Hospet-Mahaboobnagar Railway Line

2028. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey for laying a railway line between Hospet and Mahaboobnagar;

(b) if so, the time by which the survey is likely to be completed; and

(c) the time by which the work on above line is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir. A Reconnaisance Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey for a new BG line from Munirabad (near Hospet) to Mehaboobnagar has been included in the Budget, 1996-97.

(b) 31.03.1997

(c) Consideration of the project will only be possible, once the results of the survey become available.

[Translation]

Air Services for Ajmer and Pushkar

2029. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan Government has offered free land for connecting the religious places Ajmer and Pushkar with air services; and

(b) if so, the time by which the airport is likely to be constructed there?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) and (b). Airports Authority of India (AAI) has requested the State Government to acquire 460 acres of land for construction of an airport at Ajmer suitable for operation of AB-320/B-737 type of aircraft. The State Government has not so far confirmed the acquisition of land. The land is therefore, yet to be handed over and as and when the State Government hands over the requisite land AAI would take up the project.

Development of Railway Stations

2030. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the names of the Railway Stations modernised/ developed/ expanded in Uttar Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the names of the Railway Stations which are being modernised/developed/expanded in Uttar Pradesh and expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) the names of the Railway Stations proposed to be modernised/developed/expanded in near future;

(d) whether the Government propose to set up any new Railway Stations in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Lalitpur, Jhansi, Orai, Banda, Mahoba, Chitrakutdham, Saidraja, Chopan, Billi, Barakalan, Dudhinagar, Chandauli, Majhwar, Tulsi Ashram, Kuchm, Renukoot, Krishnashilla, Saktinagar, Deoria Sadar, Indara, Badshahnagar, Basti, Allahabad, Belthara Road, Deoria Sadar, Salempur, Kasganj, Ballia, Gonda, Agra Fort, Faizabad, Mirzapur, Allahabad, Firozabad, Varanasi, Lucknow, Bhadoi and Ghaziabad.

(b) Mathura, Jhansi, Agra Cantt., Dildarnagar, Mughalsarai, Belthara Road, Mau Jn., Salempur, Bhatni, Ghazipur city, Deoria SAdar, Manduadih, Allahabad City, Pilibhit, Lucknow, Lalkuan, Gorakhpur, Gonda, Kanpur Central, Tundla, Varanasi, Allahabad Jn. and Aligarh. Likely expenditure on development of these stations is Rs.16.90 crore.

(c) Modernistion/development/expansion of railway stations is a continuous process and the same is under taken on need based programme depending upon the overall availability of funds in each financial year.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

Allocation of Funds for providing Passengers Amenities

2031. SHRI DINSHA PATEL :
SHRI N.I. RATHWA :
SHRI GORDHANBHAI JAVIA :
SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocation of funds for providing Passenger Amenities at the railway stations of Gujarat during the Eighth Five Year Plan;